



APRIL 2003 AGENDA

SUBJECT		ACTION
	X	INFORMATION
		PUBLIC HEARING
Further discussion of the definition of Highly Qualified Teachers for the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act.		

Recommendation:

Information item only

Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action

In the February and March meetings, the SBE received a staff report on California's efforts to define highly qualified teachers. The Board staff and the Department staff are working with the NCLB Liaison Team to draft a workable definition as districts are currently developing plans for ensuring all core subject area teachers meet the requirements of NCLB by 2005-06. The definition is due to the USDOE in September 2003.

Summary of Key Issue(s)

Defining California's criteria for determining whether a teacher meets the requirements of NCLB. The definition must reference credentialing requirements, as well as indicators (appropriate to each grade span) of teachers' subject-matter competence.

Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate)

N/A

Attachment(s)

None

Further information will be provided in the supplemental mailing.